

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hajime AGA et al.

Serial No.: 09/034,336

Filed: March 4, 1998

For: A METHOD FOR INHIBITING... (AS AMENDED)

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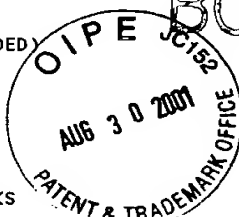
Art Unit: 1631

Examiner: M. MORAN

Washington, D.C.

Atty.'s Docket: AGA=6

Date: August 30, 2001



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an ☐ Amendment ☒ Amendment After Final

in the above-identified application.

☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | (Col. 1) | | (Col. 2) | (Col. 3) | | Small Entity | | | Other Than a Small Entity | |
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| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | | Rate | Additional Fee | | Rate | Additional Fee |
| Total | 3 | Minus | 20 | 0 | | x 9 | \$ | | x18 | \$ |
| Indep. | 1 | Minus | 3 | 0 | | x40 | \$ | | x80 | \$ |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim | | | | | | 135 | \$ | | +270 | \$ |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE | | | | | | | \$ | | Total | \$ |

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The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col.1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed.

☒ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

☐ It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity

Response Filed Within

☐ First - \$ 55.00☐ Second - \$195.00☐ Third - \$445.00☐ Fourth - \$695.00

Other Than Small Entity

Response Filed Within

☐ First - \$ 110.00☐ Second - \$ 390.00☐ Third - \$ 890.00☐ Fourth - \$1390.00☐ Less fees (\$) already paid for months extension of time on .☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.☐ A check in the amount of \$ is attached (check no.).☐ Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, authorizing payment in the amount of \$ is attached.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR Section 1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR Section 1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR Section 1.18.

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the Office Action of June 14, 2001,
please enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Seventh Amendment) A method for inhibiting the decrease of naturally occurring active-oxygen-eliminating activity in a fresh plant when the fresh plant is sliced or disrupted, or when an edible part of the fresh plant is disrupted, which comprises a step of

incorporating homogeneously, in an aqueous system, an inhibitory agent into said fresh plant or an edible part of said fresh plant which has an active-oxygen-eliminating activity, said inhibitory agent comprising an amount effective of trehalose, and optionally at least one member selected from the group consisting of pullulan and cyclodextrin, and said inhibitory agent containing at least about 20 w/w% trehalose to said inhibitory agent on a dry solid basis.

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